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# On the most Ancient, Hoourable, and Necessary

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# HAMMERMEN -- TRADE

**T**HIS TRADE all other Trades doth far Outyey; For it surpasseth in Antiquity,  
All we can name, The Sacred Page is clear  
That Iubal Cain was an Artificer.  
In Brals, and Iron, and that his Skill was such.  
That way, that Others be the same did Teach;  
And it Tradition we may but believe,  
Which Authors to the several Trades doth give,  
And them for their Invention highly Praile.  
And in due Order doth them Caudinier  
We find that the first Author of this Trade

Doth Vulcan aptly sound, whose Trade it was  
To be a SMITH to Jupiter, and Hee  
Was the first worship'd for a Deitie.  
‘Mongst all the Authors of the Trades, which shew's  
That as he was Anterior to those  
In time, likewise his Trade in Dignitie  
Was so in Judgement of Antiquitie,  
And justlie : for no Trade's more necessar,  
Whether it be in Time of Peace or War;  
The Scripture doth Remark when Israel  
Was most distressed in the Reign of Saul,  
That there was no SMITH found throughout the Land,  
That neither Sword nor Spear was in the Hand  
Of any of the People, to mantain  
Their Liberty against the Philistine.  
No wonder then that they were in a strait  
For want of SMITHS: they wanted Armes to Fight;  
And if we view the Numerous Arts that are  
For Ornament, or Highly necessar.  
We find that Tools for These cannot be had,  
Without th' Assistance of this Noble Trade.  
The Gardiner can ne're use for his Life,  
His Trade without a Spade, and Prunning Knife  
The Husband Man to whom so much we Owe,  
Needeth a Coulter and Share to his Plow.

The Taylors need a Knife, a Goose, and Sheers,  
The Mason Irons and a Maacock bears  
The Wright his Cousin, needs an Ax and Saw,  
The Flesher needs a Knife, to cut the Maw,  
The Weaver needs for Stenting Temple Heads,  
For cutting Thimbles, and Ends, a Knife he needs,  
Baxters the Scraper and the Rake, Furriers,  
Wablers, and Glovers cannot wear their meete,  
The Shoemaker and Round Scraper have

The Gardner with a Kooke Pakes away  
The Leather. And the Lister cannot Dress  
The Cloath, without a Cauldron and a Press  
His Brother needeth VVires (its understand)  
To make the Ancient Covering for the Head.  
Thus every One of all the Trades I mind,  
Bholding to the Hammer-Men I find.  
It addeth to the Honour of this Trade,  
That the most Precious Things that Nature made,  
It hath for Objects, Silver, Gemms, and Gold,  
Than which what weighs more, and less bulk doth hold?  
What's of more General Use? with them we buy  
The Things that are of greatest Dignity,  
And Utefulness, for Meat and Drink, and All  
That necessar for Humane kind we call.  
We buy for Gold and Silver, which is more,  
Some sell Themselves for Thicke, and them Adore,  
I like the Object of the Art so well,  
That I account them Happy who it Feel,  
And Handle oft, and have the Liberty  
It to Engrave upon, or Liquify:  
In Fine, it addeth to the Trades Renown,  
They wear for Ensigns Hammer and the CROVVN.  
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